

### REMARKS

Entry of this amendment and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 16-17, 23, 29, and 44 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2, 15, 18, 24, 30, 43, 45, and 58 are amended, and claims 2-15, 18-22, 24-28, 30-43, and 45-58 are pending in the application.

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-15, 18-22, 24-28, 30-43, and 45-58 is acknowledged with appreciation. Claims 2, 18, 24, 30, and 45 have been rewritten in independent form to place the application in condition for allowance.

The rejection of claims 1, 16-17, 23, 29, and 44 under §102(e) in view of Schaffer is moot in view of the foregoing.

In view of the above, it is believed this application is in condition for allowance, and such a Notice is respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any missing or insufficient fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a), to Deposit Account No. 50-1130, under Order No. 95-444, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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